

F-1-128  
James Doll House  
Greenfield  
Private

Circa 1858-1860

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC James Doll House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

South Side Greenfield Mills Road

CITY, TOWN

XX VICINITY OF Greenfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 110; P 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
XX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Demolished in 1980

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Jeannette B. Wilcox

Telephone #: 202-333-7592

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3014 O St., NW

CITY, TOWN

Washington

VICINITY OF

D. C.

STATE, zip code

20007

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 352

Folio #: 502

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED, poor	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

James Doll House

This house is a two story ell shaped brick and frame house with gable roof which faces north from the south side of Greenfield Mills Road in the now mostly uninhabited community of Greenfield Mills.

The principal facade is three bays wide. An original four panel door with narrow three light transom is located in the second bay. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second levels are double hung 6/6 windows, many of which contain the original glass panes. A porch once extended across the front of the building on the first level. The main block of the building is two bays deep.

A two story frame addition extends to the rear of the main block of the building. The rear addition of the building is three bays deep. A rear entrance occupies the second bay on the first level. Double hung 6/6 windows occupy or once occupied the remaining bays on the first and second levels. A small one story porch supported by turned columns extends between the main block and rear addition of the house.

The entire house is built on a low random stone foundation and is constructed of brick laid in common bond and stuccoed. The front elevation has been covered with German siding.

Three single interior chimneys rise from the house on the east, west, and south gable ends.

The building is covered by a standing seam tin roof with cast iron snow birds attached by a plain boxed cornice.

The floor of the building was missing, making it impossible to make an interior inspection except for the rear kitchen area of the building.

Several frame outbuildings are located to the rear of the house in disrepair.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Greenfield Mills were operating by 1831 under the ownership of Isaac McPherson. By 1836, a post office had been established. However, the settlement did not gain a large population until around 1860 after Meredith Davis sold the Mills and other personal property to settle his debts. In the Business Directory of the Titus Atlas in 1873, James Roberts is indicated as the miller and James Beall a dry goods merchant in the community.

In 1858 when the trustees of Meredith Davis sold his property, James Hamner purchased the land upon which the Doll House is now located.<sup>1</sup> He only held onto the land for two years selling it to Joshua Doll for \$4000.00 in 1860.<sup>2</sup>

The house was owned by the Doll family until 1874 when it was purchased by James Beall who owned it until he died and it was sold in 1903.<sup>3</sup> Subsequently two owners had the land before its current owner, the Wilcox family.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber BGF 1; Folio 531.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber BGF 6; Folio 327.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., Liber TG 11; Folio 585.

(See F-1-28 - Greenfield Mills)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

6/26/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St.

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

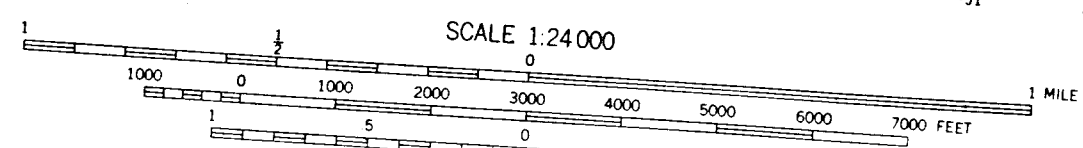
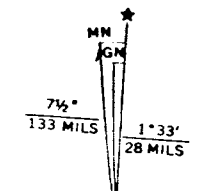
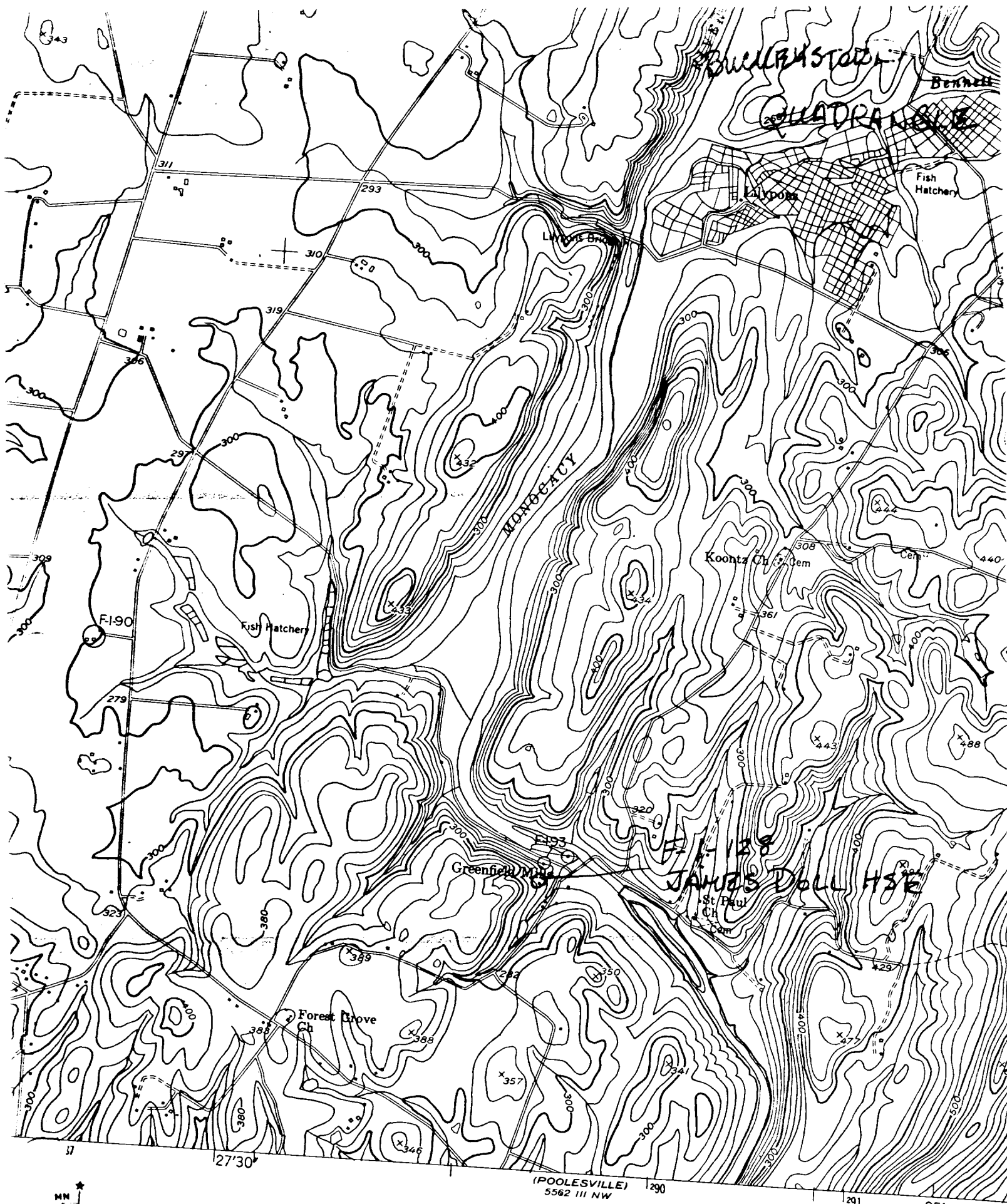
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





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S/S Greenfield Mills Rd

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North elevation



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3/3 GREENFIELD MILLS  
RD

CEW 3/80

SOUTH ELEVATION



FE-1-128 JAMES DOLL HSE  
3/3 GREENFIELD MILLS

RD

GRW 3/80

OUTBUILDING